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1. AMBASSADOR WILL MEET CODEL AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL
AND INVITES REP EILBERG AND WIFE TO STAY AT RESIDENCE. ALL
OTHERS WILL BE BOOKED INTO INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, TWO-BLOCK
WALK FROM EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED MFA AND GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (GNA)
ABOUT HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VISIT TO ROMANIA, INDICATING
TO BOTH THAT CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE MEETINGS WITH GOR OFFICIALS
IN PROBLEM AREAS SPECIFIED REF C. ALTHOUGH NO GOR COMMITMENTS
HAVE YET BEEN MADE, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT PROGRAM OF USEFUL
DISCUSSIONS AT MFA WILL BE SHORTLY FORTHCOMING AND THAT GNA
WILL PROVIDE TYPICALLY WARM ROMANIAN WELCOME FOR U.S. PARLIA-
MENTARIANS, GRANTING THAT IN BOTH INSTANCES CERTAIN KEY OFFICIALS
MAY BE UNAVAILABLE DUE TO VACATION SCHEDULED. SINCE THIS WILL
BE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL USG VISIT SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK OFFICE,
GOR OFFICIALS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY EAGER TO HEAR CONGRESSIONAL
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ASSESSMENT OF NEW ADMINISTRATION. EMBASSY IS ALSO SEEKING
CODEL MEETINGS WITH COUNCIL OF SOCIALIST EDUCATION AND CULTURE
ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE MATTERS AND WITH ISRAELI AND FRG REPRESENTATIVES
CONCERNING EMIGRATION. POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU CANNOT BE EXCLUDED, BUT THIS WOULD UNDOUBTED-
LY BE LAST MINUTE ARRANGEMENT. CEAUSESCU IS EXPECTED TO STILL
BE ON VACATION ON BLACK SEA.

3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE HAS NOT YET BEEN PREPARED, PENDING INITIAL RESPONSES FROM ABOVE AGENCIES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE PENCILED INTO CODEL'S PROGRAM A LUNCHEON/BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR FOR CODEL AT HOTEL FOLLOWING THURSDAY ARRIVAL, A THURSDAY AFTERNOON MEETING WITH ROMANIAN CHIEF RABBI MOSES ROSEN, A FRIDAY MORNING CONSULAR BRIEFING AND AS DESIRED, VISIT TO CONSULAR SECTION (SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL CASES CAN BE PROGRAMMED FOR THIS TIME AT CODEL'S REQUEST), AND A FRIDAY EVENING FAREWELL SUPPER FOR ENTIRE DELEGATION GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR WITH A VARIETY OF ROMANIAN INVITEES. SHOULD OPPORTUNITY ARISE TO MEET HIGH-RANKING ROMANIANS CURRENTLY ON VACATION AT SEASIDE, CODEL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER VARIATION IN SCHEDULE BY FLYING TO BLACK SEA FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR SELECTED CONSULTATIONS, DINNER AT SEASHORE, AND DEPARTURE FOR BUDAPEST THE NEXT MORNING. CODEL'S REACTIONS TO THESE TENTATIVE PLANS AS WELL AS ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE WELCOME.

4. GIVEN RANGE OF CODEL INTERESTS, LIMITED TIME FOR APPOINTMENTS, AND DELEGATION SIZE, IT MAY PROVE DESIRABLE TO DIVIDE CODEL DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME ACCORDING TO EACH MEMBER'S AREA OF INTEREST. FOR EXAMPLE, NOTING THAT REPRESENTATIVE RUSSO AND ZEFERETTI REPRESENT IMPORTANT ECONOMIC COMMITTEES, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF SPECIAL PROGRAM SHOULD BE ARRANGED AT MFT AND OTHER ECONOMIC MINISTRIES. IF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS CAN BE DIVIDED, PLEASE INDICATE TOPICAL INTERESTS OF EACH MEMBER. SUCH DIVISIONS WOULD OF COURSE BE KEPT FLEXIBLE IN FINAL PROGRAMMING. IN ANY EVENT, FULL SCHEDULE IS CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED, SO EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF CODEL WISH TO SCHEDULE ONE OR MORE SIGHTSEEING/LEISURE TIME PERIODS.

5. PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM CODEL, WE HAVE NOT YET ARRANGED WIFE'S PROGRAM. SHOULD WIVES BE INTERESTED, NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE DOES OFFER GUIDED HALF-DAY TOURS OF BUCHAREST AND/OR SURROUNDING AREAS.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

A. PASSPORT DATA: PASSPORT INFORMATION ON CODEL NEEDED IMMEDIATELY BY EMBASSY FOR BULK VISA PROCESSING AND FOR HOTEL PRE-REGISTRATION. LACK OF SUCH PREARRANGEMENTS CAN RESULT IN MAJOR INCONVENIENCE TO DELEGATION ON ARRIVAL.

B. TRANSPORTATION: EMBASSY PLANS TO RENT SEDANS FOR EACH CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER PLUS CARS FOR STAFF AS NECESSARY. MINI-BUS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ESCORTS.

C. MEDICAL: EMBASSY HAS NO U.S. MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND HEALTH ROOM IS STOCKED ONLY WITH BASIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES. DELEGATION

SHOULD PLAN TO BRING ITS OWN REQUIRED MEDICATIONS.

D. BECAUSE OF LIMITED AMOUNTS OF U.S. DOLLARS ON HAND AT EMBASSY, CODEL IS ADVISED TO BRING AMPLE SUPPLY OF DOLLARS AND/OR TRAVELERS CHECKS. AMERICAN EXPRESS AND BANKAMERICARD ACCEPTED ONLY AT MAJOR HOTELS AND HOTEL SHOPS. 19FT510 FUNDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL TO THOSE AUTHORIZED.

E. CODEL IS REQUESTED TO ASSUME EXPENSE OF THURSDAY'S LUNCHEON/BRIEFING, AT ESTIMATED COST OF 400 LEI (33.33) FOR LUNCHEON ROOM PLUS \$15 PER PERSON.

F. EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS AND FROM 7:00 UNTIL DEPARTURE SATURDAY MORNING. CODEL SHOULD INDICATE IF IT HAS OTHER COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS.

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G. A ROOM IN EMBASSY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE OF CLASSIFIED MATERIALS. AFTER-HOURS USE OF THIS ROOM CAN BE ARRANGED BY PRESENTATION OF PROPER CREDENTIALS TO MARINE GUARD ON DUTY.
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